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Border arrests hit record low in '17

But post-inauguration lull recently began to reverse

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The post-election decline in illegal crossings along the U.S.-Mexico border has ended, according to statistics released by the federal government last week.

But despite the rebound in migrants attempting to enter the country illegally, the overall number detained along the southwestern border still hit its lowest mark on record in fiscal 2017, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Border agents apprehended 303,916 border crossers for the 2017 fiscal year, which ended in September. At the same time, customs officers at ports of entry processed 111,275 inadmissible individuals — migrants who were denied legal entry into the country. That includes Central American minors and families seeking refuge in the U.S.

In another milestone, a majority, 58 percent, of the migrants apprehended at the border were from countries oth-

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Tribes object to Trump plan for managing monument

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President Donald Trump's decision to drastically reduce and break up a national monument in Utah wasn't the only blow Native American tribes say they were dealt last week.

The president's proclamation on Bears Ears National Monument also contained a little-known plan that changes the makeup of a tribal advisory commission for the remote monument filled with canyons, plateaus, rivers and rust-colored rock formations. It adds a county commissioner who is among the minority of Navajos to support Republicans in peeling back protections for the land.

The new commissioner will have the same authority as the group's five other members, all representatives of tribes.

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LITHOGRAPH AND PHOTO FROM FORT HUACHUCA MUSEUM ARCHIVES

The Fort Huachuca black officers club was once a hub of social activity for the community, hosting events such as this one in 1943. Today, the relic of a segregated military is getting a new life.

HISTORIC REVIVAL

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Seventy-five years ago, the Mountain view Officers Club was the heart of social activity for hundreds of black officers at Fort Huachuca, the military installation near Sierra Vista.

The building — which hosted banquets, private parties, musical performances and art exhibitions — is one of the last such World War II-era clubs in the country. And after years of dead-ends, preservationists have secured the Army's blessing to revive and reuse it.

The \$4.4 million project aims to restore the building's exterior to its historic appearance, while expanding the facility to accommodate restaurants, event space and meeting rooms for military and civilians.

"We feel that this is the best possible use, because it meets a lot of the community's current

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Suspect Akayed Ullah, on a stretcher, is placed into an ambulance. AP

Blast puts New Yorkers on edge

New Yorkers were a bit on edge but largely undeterred after what Mayor Bill de Blasio called "an attempted terror attack" Monday during the morning rush hour.

Police said Akayed Ullah, 27, a Brooklyn resident originally from Bangladesh, detonated a low-tech bomb strapped to himself in a pedestrian transit tunnel near Times Square, injuring himself but delivering only minor wounds to three

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people nearby. He was hospitalized and reportedly talking to investigators.

Ullah may have been inspired by, but not directly connected, to the Islamic State militant group, media outlets reported. One suggested he was upset about Gaza. **1B**

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Firefighters battle flames on California Highway 150 between Carpinteria and Ojai on Monday as the Thomas Fire continues to burn, becoming the fifth largest in California history. TOM TINGLE/THE REPUBLIC

Congressional vacancy draws eager candidates

With the sudden exit of Trent Franks from Congress, at least a half-dozen potential candidates are jumping into the race to replace him, with several others weighing a run for what is considered a relatively safe Republican seat. A primary is set for Feb. 27 with the special election to follow on April 24. **3A**

ASU climbs into Top 10

Arizona State's undefeated men's team vaults into the Top 10 in this week's college basketball polls, ranking No. 5 by AP, and No. 6 by USA TODAY. **1C**

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